

**Judicial
Circuit Court
Family Mediation**

Seminole County

Mission

To provide funding and administration of mediation/arbitration program for Circuit Family Court.

Business Strategy

Authorized by Section 44.108, Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 92-6 that provides for family mediation and arbitration services for indigent and partially indigent individuals or parties in Family Court. A \$45.00 service charge is levied on any petition for Modification of Final Judgment for Dissolution filed in the Circuit Court of Seminole County.

Service charges collected are paid to court-ordered mediators if the litigant is indigent. In addition, service charges fund for other related expenses in indigent cases. The program is under the supervision of the Chief Judge in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit and is guided by Administrative Order 01-09-S.

Objectives

Comply with Florida Statutes and Seminole County ordinances regarding Family Mediation.

Performance Measures	FY 01/02	FY 02/03	FY 03/04	FY 04/05
	Actual	Estimated	Projection	Projection
Cases Mediated	124	218	251	289

Department:		JUDICIAL			Seminole County	
Division:		CIRCUIT COURT			FY 2003/04	
Section:		FAMILY MEDIATION			FY 2004/05	
	2001/02 Actual Expenditures	2002/03 Adopted Budget	2003/04 Adopted Budget	Percent Change 2003/04 Budget over 2002/03 Budget	2004/05 Approved Budget	Percent Change 2004/05 Budget over 2003/04 Budget
EXPENDITURES:						
Personal Services	0	0	0		0	
Operating Services	26,879	134,475	130,268	-3.1%	167,150	28.3%
Capital Outlay	0	0	2,257	100.0%	1,109	-50.9%
Debt Service	0	0	0		0	
Grants and Aid	0	0	0		0	
Reserves/Transfers	0	0	44,175	100.0%	0	-100.0%
Subtotal Operating	26,879	134,475	176,700	31.4%	168,259	-4.8%
Capital Improvements	0	0	0		0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	26,879	134,475	176,700	31.4%	168,259	-4.8%
FUNDING SOURCE (S)						
Family Mediation	26,879	134,475	176,700	31.4%	168,259	-4.8%
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE (S)	26,879	134,475	176,700	31.4%	168,259	-4.8%
Full Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
Part-Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2003/04						
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New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2004/05						
Capital Improvements	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	
Total Project Cost	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Operating Impact	0	0	0	0	0	